



Roselle Zoning Ordinance Update

Meeting Summary: Community Open House & Joint Special Meeting | December 11th, 2019

The evening of Wednesday, December 11th, 2019 marked the official kick-off for the Roselle Zoning Ordinance Update. The Village convened a joint special meeting of the Village Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals, paired with a community open house beforehand. These two events gathered initial ideas on zoning issues and opportunities and informed the community of the zoning update process. Participants were asked to share their preferences on a range of topics that the zoning update will address, including: building design & landscaping in the Town Center and on industrial properties, signs, parking, yard elements, design guidelines, and residential sites and fences.

During the open house, feedback was solicited via a series of displays that invited votes on likes and dislikes about development in Roselle. The joint workshop was organized around a presentation with interactive polling questions, followed by small group discussions. Each small group consisted of members from the three Village bodies, encouraging cross-pollination of ideas and coordination between groups that typically do not have an opportunity to meet together. Mayor Maglio, who chaired the meeting, noted this and thanked all the members for their willingness to serve the Village of Roselle and work together on this important project.

The Village of Roselle's current zoning ordinance was adopted in 1985, and though there have been multiple amendments there has not recently been a comprehensive update. Important to setting direction for the zoning update is the Village Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2016. Zoning is an important tool for implementing Plan concepts, like expansion of the Town Center. The Village has hired a consultant team—Teska Associates, a community planning firm based in Evanston, and Ancel Glink, a Chicago area law firm that specializes in local government and zoning—who will work closely with the Village's Planning staff and other community leaders throughout the process. Based on analysis of the existing ordinance and the valuable insight gathered from the project kick-off and other community input, the project team will begin to draft the zoning ordinance update over the coming months. Michael Blue, Principal at Teska Associates, who facilitated the kick-off event, is the Teska Associates, Inc. Project Manager for the update.

The project team is continuing to solicit feedback from the community. Display boards from the Open House will be at Village Hall and/or the Library for additional community input. The project website, www.RoselleZoning.org, provides another platform for residents to [share their ideas](#) and receive updates by entering an email to "follow" the site.



Photos from small group discussions during the Joint Special Workshop